

Joint Minutes of the
REGION 9
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEES
Serving Rural Scott County and all of Muscatine County

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.
Muscatine City Hall
Lower Level Conference Room
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, Iowa

Technical Committee Members Present

Chris Ball	City Administrator, City of Wilton
Dave Gobin	Community Development Director, City of Muscatine
Randy Hill	Public Works Director, City of Muscatine
Kristy Korpi	Transit Supervisor, City of Muscatine Transit
Jodi Royal-Goodwin	City of Muscatine
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation

Policy Committee Members Present

Carol Earnhardt	Scott County Board Supervisor
DeWayne Hopkins	Mayor, City of Muscatine
Sam Shea	Iowa Department of Transportation
Jeff Sorensen	Muscatine County Board Supervisor

Others Present

Gena McCullough	Bi-State Regional Commission
Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Public Hearing on the Region 9 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Whitson presented an overview of the content provided in the Region 9 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. She stated that public notices were published in the *Quad City Times*, *Dispatch/Argus*, and the *Muscatine Journal* newspapers. The article provided the public a 14-day grace period for public comment. No public comments were presented prior to the meeting. Mr. Gobin requested that a reference to the Bi-State Region Freight Commodity Study be included in the final plan. Mr. Hopkins motioned to close the public hearing, Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion.
2. Approval of Minutes of the July 8, 2015 Joint Transportation Technical and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. Earnhardt moved to approve the Joint Transportation Technical and Policy Committee minutes, and Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by consensus.
3. Consideration of Resolution of Support for the City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Grant and Consistency with Transportation Planning. Ms. Korpi shared that through the ICAAP grant, MuscaBus is applying for a total of \$170,000. This includes \$90,000 for a bus and \$60,000 for operating and training costs. It was stated that over 400 employees will have the opportunity to benefit from the potential route traveling to Progress Park. There has

been discussions in the past about the service's need, but inadequate funding was available. Mr. Hopkins motioned to approve the Resolution of Support for MuscaBus' ICAAP grant, and Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion.

4. Consideration of the Region 9 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Earnhardt motioned to adopt the final *Region 9 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan* with the inclusion of a reference to the Bi-State Region Freight Commodity Study. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Status Reports. Ms. McCullough shared that Congress is considering extending MAP-21. The DRIVE Act has currently been presented by the Senate but the House has not yet approved. Ms. McCullough explained that the DRIVE Act is not much different from the reauthorization of MAP-21, although there are some new freight components. Mr. Shea provided information on the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan, which is to become an I umbrella for all topics. It will include short-range and long-range plans for corridors. Performance measures will be incorporated into the plan and is recognized as a federal requirement. There will be public input opportunities including online surveys, meetings, and stakeholder interviews. Mr. Shea presented a Gantt Chart illustrating a projected timeline of progress and completion dates for the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. A completion date is expected in June of 2017. Next, Mr. Shea shared the goals of the Statewide Freight Plan Update. Improve congestion and establish ranking systems are a few of the recognized goals.
6. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Other Business. None.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Hopkins motioned to adorn the meeting, and Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.